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Enclosed are copies of 7 German patents and 1 European patent specification, all with corresponding U.S. patents or English translations. Also enclosed is a copy of the Search Report of the German Patent and Trademark Office dated June 21, 2005, and a copy of the European Patent Office Search Report dated November 22, 2005. Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner consider

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